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Help Keep Rockville Beautiful

Over their past two and a half terms, the Mayor and Council have made Rockville's neighborhoods one of their top priorities, concentrating on such issues as code enforcement and neighborhood revitalization.

"To a large extent, the quality of life in Rockville depends upon the quality of our neighborhoods," said Councilmember Robert Dorsey, the point person on the neighborhood initiative. "As the community continues to age, we need your help to keep our city a place in which we can be proud to live."

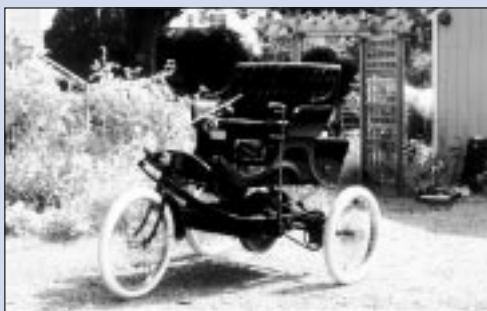
To help you maintain and improve the appearance and value of your home, the following are exterior maintenance requirements from the Property Maintenance Code:

- Display house numbers so they are visible from the street – at least 3-inches high and against a contrasting background. This is important so emergency crews can easily find your home.
- Trim hedges, trees, and bushes so they don't obstruct pedestrian or vehicular traffic.
- Cut weeds or grass before they get too high. The City's limit is 10 inches, but to maintain a neat yard, you'll need to mow sooner.
- Remove trash, debris, discarded furniture, etc. from your lawn. This is an eyesore and dangerous to your health.
- Store materials such as firewood and lumber at least 8 inches above the ground to prevent rodents from nesting.
- Keep trash containers in the side or back yard and place tight-fitting lids on them.
- Maintain your driveway and walkways.
- Plant a suitable groundcover to prevent soil erosion and grade your yard to prevent drainage onto adjacent properties.
- Remove junked or abandoned vehicles from your property. Only one unlicensed vehicle per residence is allowed.
- Park in your driveway or on the street, not in your yard.
- Keep your home properly painted and free of loose or peeling paint.
- Maintain your roof and make sure water runoff doesn't cause drainage problems.
- Build a handrail for stairs with three or more steps. If your deck, landing, or balcony is more than 30 inches above grade, it needs to have a guardrail.
- Keep all accessory structures in good condition.

Violation of these requirements could result in warnings and fines.

As part of the neighborhood initiative, the City has reorganized its neighborhood-related programs to consolidate them and raise their importance to a departmental level. These programs are now located within the Public Safety and Community Services Department, renamed the Public Safety, Neighborhood, and Community Services Department. ❖

CALL **301-545-5650** FOR MORE INFO



CAR SHOW TO HAVE SPECIAL DISPLAY: A 1900 Knox (above, left) and a 1949 Plymouth (above, right) are just two of the 104 cars that will be featured as part of Rockville's Antique and Classic Car Show's Millennium Display. The car show, an annual event, will take place on Saturday, Oct. 14, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The raindate will be Saturday, Oct. 21.

Commemorating More than 100 Years of Autos

In its more than 100 year history, the car has come a long way — from a fad that only the rich could afford to a vital part of our society that many couldn't imagine life without.

At this year's Annual Antique and Classic Car Show, the City of Rockville will commemorate the evolution of this great invention with a special millennium display that will feature 104 vehicles that represent each year from 1898 to 2001. The Rockville Antique and Classic Car Show will take place on Saturday, Oct. 14, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Rockville Civic Center Park, 603 Edmonston Dr.

"With the millennium display, we want to show people how far the car has come," said Christine Heckhaus, Special Events Coordinator for the City of Rockville. "You'll be able to view how sizes have changed and how technology has progressed."

The millennium display is part of the City's millennium celebration that began in July 1999 and will continue through Jan. 1, 2001. During this time, the City and the Rockville Millennium Committee are working to create a variety of events to mark the city's entry into the 21st century and to add a "millennium twist" to existing events.

"When viewing the millennium display, I think people will be most surprised by the variation in sizes of automobiles over the years," said Heckhaus. "For example, the 1898 car is only about 5-feet long and 3-feet high and the 1905 car is 8 or 9-feet tall."

The cars that represent the 100 plus years of the automobile were selected with two criteria in mind – public significance and significance to the industry.

"We hope people will walk away astonished with what they've seen," she said. "For example, we've included the first electric car, the first car with a water-cooled engine, and the first car with fuel

injection. You'll see things that were inventive at the time but now are the norm."

The 52 makes of autos that will be featured include: Stanley, REO, Stearns, Packard, Willys, Whippet, Hudson, Northern, Orient, DeSoto, La Salle, Durant, Lexington, Baker, Knox, Mitchell, King, Essex, Nash, Kaiser-Darrin, Edsel, and International Harvester.

In addition to the cars in the millennium display, Rockville's Annual Antique and Classic Car will showcase more than 500 other automobiles and auto-related memorabilia. It also will include a flea market selling car parts, artwork, and auto memorabilia.

"I think this car show really sets itself apart from most car shows with the variety of autos that are included," said Heckhaus. "Most car clubs have a show that just features a certain car. But at this show, since it is sponsored by more than 20 different car clubs, there is an amazing array of cars on hand."

While registration for the millennium display is completed, registration for the annual car show still is open. All qualified motor vehicles made in 1975 or before are welcome. However, no custom or modified vehicles will be accepted. Registration forms are available at the Special Events Office in Rockville City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave., or on the City's Web site at www.rockville.md.us in the "What's New" section. Registration also will be available on the day of the event.

The raindate for the event is Saturday, Oct. 21.

If you would like directions to Rockville Civic Center Park, call 301-309-3007 for recorded directions or 301-309-3334 for event information.

There is no cost to view the cars at this event. ❖

CALL **301-309-3340** FOR MORE INFO

Calendar of Events

City Events

1 Glenview Mansion Art Gallery Exhibit Opening; 1-4 p.m.; Abstract paintings by Frances J. Hester, Claire M. Starr, and Joyce McCarten; Artist talk, 7:30 p.m., Oct. 19; Guided gallery tour, 10 a.m.; Oct. 20; Call 301-309-3354

1 Glenview Mansion Concert Series; 2 p.m.; Mary Sue Twohy (folk); Call 301-309-3354

1,6,7,8

Rockville Little Theatre; See Focus on the Arts

6 Friday Family Frolics; See Focus on the Arts

6 RSSC Bierfest; See pg. 3

7,14,21,28

Farmers' Market; 9 a.m.-1 p.m.; Middle Lane parking lot

11 Bicycle Advisory Committee; 7 p.m.; City Hall

13,14 National Chamber Orchestra; See FOTA

15 Rockville 5K/10K; See pg. 3

15 Twinbrook Fall Festival; See pg. 3

20 Friday Family Flicks; See pg. 3

27,28 Rockville Musical Theatre; See FOTA

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28 Off-Leash Testing; 10 a.m.; Middle La. parking lot; Call 301-309-3115

29 Halloween Young Run; See pg. 3

For more information on City events, call the Public Information Office at 301-309-3322. To register for Recreation and Parks classes, call 301-309-3340.

Imagine Rockville

10 Technology Action Team; 7:15 p.m.; City Manager's Office Conference Room, City Hall

17 Town Center Action Team; 7 p.m.; Location to be announced

To join an Imagine Rockville Action Team or to find out about meetings, call the hotline at 301-315-6556 or visit the City's Web site at www.ci.rockville.md.us.

For Seniors

4 Birthday Party; 1:30 p.m.; Free; Activity #8538; Register by Sept. 27

4,10,18 Blood Pressure Screening; 10 a.m.; Free

5 Veterans Group; 10 a.m. Free; Activity #8519

5,10 Stained Glass Stepping Stone; 7 p.m.; \$8 members, \$11 non-members; \$30 supply fee; Activity #8522; Register by Sept. 28

10 Investing in a Bear Market; 10 a.m.; Free

10 Readers Group; 7 p.m.; Activity #8501; Registration is ongoing

11 Fall Car Care; 1 p.m.; Two sessions (Nov. 8); Free; Activity #8506; Register by Oct. 4

11 Go – An Ancient Game; 7 p.m.; Two weeks; \$5 members, \$8 non-members; \$10 material fee; Activity #8542; Register by Oct. 4

11 Diabetes Lecture and Screening; 10:15 a.m.; Free

12 Autumn Welcome Plaque; 1 p.m.; \$8 members, \$11 non-members; \$15 supply fee; Activity #85233; Register by Sept. 28

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City Projects UPDATE

Recreation and Parks

Hungerford/Stoneridge Elwood Smith Community Center • General renovations, accessibility upgrades and room added • construction bids were over budget and rejected • will be rebid in fall with construction in summer '01

Dawson Farm Park • Converting Ritchie Pkwy. dead-end to greenspace • will include: art, historical signs, improvements to granary foundation, and changes to stormwater management facility • construction in fall/winter

Potomac Woods/Horizon Hill Falls Rd. • Building a bike trail on Wootton Pkwy. to Dunster Rd. on the east side • construction underway

West End Skate Park at Welsh Park • Construction bids received over budget and rejected • will include pre-fabricated equipment such as ramps, pipes, rails, etc. • construction in fall/winter

Twinbrook Street Tree Replacement • Multi-year, ongoing project • removes and replaces trees that are hazardous, in major decline, or severely damaged by utilities

General Projects Montrose Community Center • Includes general renovations, accessibility upgrades, and roof replacement • construction in winter '00-'01

Millennium Trail • Phase I (Wootton Pkwy from Falls Rd. to Glen Mill Rd.) construction in fall • Phase II (Norbeck Rd. from Gude Dr. to Wootton Pkwy.) design has begun

Nature Center • At Rockville Civic Center Park • design complete and grant received • construction in fall

I-270/Rt. 28 Bike and Pedestrian Bridge • Design stage • a citizen/staff taskforce being formed

Playground Equipment Improvements • Replacing equipment at Broome Athletic and Dogwood Parks in winter/spring

F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre • Modify lobby • purchase equipment for box office

Parks Topographical, Tree, and Boundary Survey • Will update the topographical data for City parks and grounds on east side • data will provide for improved planning, asset inventory, and maintenance • fall, winter, and spring

Swim Center • Investigating expansion to include meeting and class rooms and expanded fitness area • feasibility and concept design by January

City Hall Expansion • Construction of a new wing and renovation of existing building • to accommodate overcrowding and future staff • new entrance on Maryland Ave. • technology and energy upgrades • additional parking on corner of Fleet St. and Maryland Ave. being studied • design/engineering phase in progress • construction in fiscal year '02

CALL **301-309-3330** FOR MORE INFO

Public Works

East Rockville Horners Lane Water Tank • Remove tank in fall, prior to starting Highland Rd. project • Recreation and Parks working with the sur-

rounding neighborhoods to determine the use of land

Hungerford/Stoneridge Cabin John Relief Sewer • Considering options to increase the capacity of parts of the old, undersized, sanitary-sewage pipe that currently runs from Town Center through Hungerford/Stoneridge neighborhood • community input sought • private consultant to review project

West End Great Falls Rd. • Improve the safety and appearance of the road from Monument St. to W. Montgomery Ave. • funded by State of Maryland • scheduled to begin in spring '01

General Projects Asphalt Maintenance • Annual project underway • expected to be completed in September • large portion of work in area west of I-270

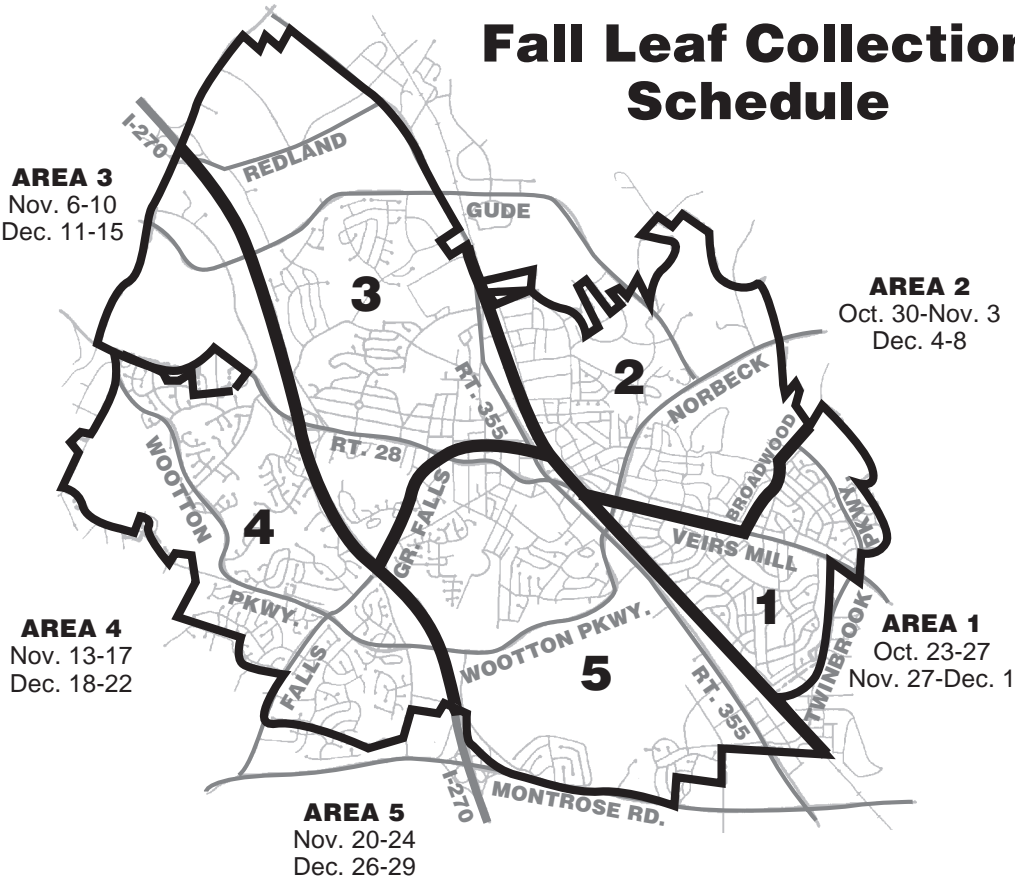
Highland Ave. • Improve street with addition of a turn-around, storm drain, and asphalt paving • survey work completed • design work started • attempting to tie project with removal of water tank from park at the end of street • construction in spring '01

Neighborhood Traffic Control • new traffic control lighting and signals being installed in front of Wootton High School

Gude Drive Noise Study • Phase II awarded • gathering data

CALL **301-309-3220** FOR MORE INFO

Fall Leaf Collection Schedule



The crispness in the air and the leaves turning brilliant shades of red and gold are sure signs that Rockville's Fall Leaf Collection Program is just around the corner. This year's program will run from Oct. 23 through Dec. 26.

Crews will service each area for five consecutive days. After all areas have been serviced, the process will start over, and each area will be served for an additional five days. Use the map and schedule (left) to determine the dates for your area.

On the day before collection, rake leaves into the gutter or immediately adjacent to the pavement where no curb or gutter exists. Remove limbs, rocks, and other heavy objects. The City's recycling program also will collect leaves and grass that are in biodegradable bags or easily emptied containers. Do not use plastic bags.

Rockville also encourages you to use alternative methods for getting rid of leaves to save collection and disposal costs and to help the environment. Some alternatives are to mulch or to compost your leaves.

CALL **301-309-3094** FOR MORE INFO

In Brief

Landlord/Tenant Forum

Rockville’s Landlord/Tenant Affairs Commission will conduct a public forum on Tuesday, Oct. 24, from 7 to 9 p.m., to discuss problems faced by the operators and occupants of residential rental properties. Issues to be discussed include: what must be in a lease, security deposits, move in and move out inspections, licensing and inspection of units, notification requirements for landlords and tenants, who is responsible for certain repairs, etc.

CALL 301-309-3240 FOR MORE INFO

CDBG Public Hearing

The City is accepting applications from non-profit organizations for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for Fiscal Year 2002 (FY02). CDBG is a federal grant program for housing and community development projects, which must primarily benefit low and moderate-income persons.

Rockville receives its CDBG funds through an agreement with Montgomery County and should receive approximately \$380,000 in FY02.

Applications are available from the Department of Community Planning and Development Services, and CDBG proposals must be submitted by Friday, Oct. 20. After being reviewed and prioritized by staff, recommendations will be forwarded to the Mayor and Council.

CALL 301-309-3200 FOR MORE INFO

Rockville 5K/10K

Take part in the oldest continuing race in the County – the Rockville 5K/10K – on Sunday, Oct. 15 at 8 a.m. The course, which starts at Piccard Dr., winds through the King Farm. After the race, enjoy food and random prize drawings. Registration is required, and the fee is \$22 before Oct. 7 or \$25 after Oct. 8.

CALL 301-309-3340 FOR MORE INFO

Crafters Needed

Rockville’s Senior Center is seeking crafters to sell their handmade items at its Holiday Bazaar on Saturday, Dec. 2. The fee for a table is \$25 each.

CALL 301-309-3025 FOR MORE INFO

Halloween Young Run

Young runners and their parents are invited to take part in the Halloween Young Run on Sunday, Oct. 29. Parents and their children (ages 12 and younger) can participate in one-quarter, one-half, and one-mile running events. Registration is required, and the fee is \$1.

CALL 301-309-3340 FOR MORE INFO

Recreation and Parks Fun

Join in on the fun this fall with Rockville’s Recreation and Parks Department. Take a look at what’s being offered:

- Oct. 7 – Waterford Fair and Homes Tour, \$31 for residents and \$36 for nonresidents, register by Sept. 20
- Oct. 15 – Gettysburg Railroad Tour, \$43 for residents and \$49 for nonresidents, register by Sept. 29

CALL 301-309-3182 FOR MORE INFO

Holiday Decorators Sought

Rockville is seeking volunteers to decorate Glenview Mansion during the holidays. Each room of the facility is decorated to reflect a theme. A stipend is offered to defray the cost.

The decorating takes place between Nov. 27 and Dec. 1, and will be removed Jan. 2. A “People’s Choice Award” will be given, and the winning organization will receive free use of the Mansion for its group.

CALL 301-309-3001 FOR MORE INFO

Friday Family Flicks

Enjoy classic movies at Rockville’s Senior Center. This month’s feature is *Breakfast at Tiffany’s* with Audrey Hepburn on Oct. 20 at 7 p.m. Admission is free, and popcorn and soda are available.

CALL 301-309-3025 FOR MORE INFO

Senior Offerings

In October, Rockville has some great offering for seniors. Take a look at what’s planned at the Senior Center:

- Oct. 3 – Supervised Bridge for Senior Adults, 10 a.m. to noon, \$25 for members and \$30 for non-members, eight-week program
- Oct. 4 – Caregiving: Making Tough Choices, 7 to 8:30 p.m., \$75 for members and \$90 for non-members, four-week program
- Oct. 26 – Money to Last a Life Time, 7 to 8:30 p.m., free, three-week program

CALL 301-309-3050 FOR MORE INFO

Instructors Needed

The Department of Recreation and Parks is seeking instructors for: pottery, pre-ballet, photography, preschooler cooking, prenatal aerobics, teen and adult aerobics, mother and child exercise classes, yoga, pilates, kickboxing, and combination sports.

CALL 301-309-3344 FOR MORE INFO

RSSC Bierfest

Rockville’s Sister City Corp. (RSSC) invites you to attend its Third Annual German-style Bierfest on Friday, Oct. 6, from 6:30 to 10 p.m., at the Rockville Senior Center. The cost is \$30 (pregistration) or \$35 (after Sept. 25). The price includes dinner and beverages.

CALL 301-309-3340 FOR MORE INFO

Twinbrook Fall Festival

Come join the City for the first anniversary of the Twinbrook Community Recreation Center on Sunday, Oct. 15, from 1 to 4 p.m. The fun will include scarecrow making, pumpkin decorating, games, music, and more. This is a free event.

CALL 301-315-5760 FOR MORE INFO

Mentors and Tutors Wanted

Do you have an hour or so a week to help to a youth in Rockville? The City is seeking volunteers for its mentoring and tutoring programs. Mentoring requires a year commitment, and tutoring occurs on an “as needed” basis.

CALL 301-309-3077 FOR MORE INFO

Senior Center Gift Shop

Drop by the Rockville Senior Center Gift Shop on weekdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and check out the latest holiday merchandise. You’ll find lots of reasonably priced, hand-made items for Halloween and Christmas.

Free Firewood and Woodchips

You can pick up free firewood and woodchips in the upper lot of Rockville’s Maintenance Facility, 14625 Rothgeb Dr.



Planning Commission Vacancies

The Mayor and Council of the City of Rockville currently are seeking two volunteers to fill vacancies on the Planning Commission.

This seven-member commission formulates Rockville’s Master Plan and revises it when necessary. It also reviews and makes recommendations to the Mayor and Council on applications for map and text amendments and to the Board of Appeals on variance and special exception applications. In addition, it reviews and decides applications for use permits and subdivision plans. It also initiates and conducts such other planning studies and functions as necessary. Members of the Rockville Planning Commission serve overlapping, five-year terms.

The Planning Commission meets on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month, at 7 p.m., in the Mayor and Council Chambers.

CALL 301-309-3310 FOR MORE INFO

Para Ud.

Foro para Propietarios e Inquilinos

La Comision de Propietarios e Inquilinos de Rockville tiene programado un foro público el martes 24 de octubre de 7 a 9 p.m. para hablar de todo tipo de problemas que enfrenta la comunidad en relación a la renta de casas. Se hablará de los siguientes temas: Lo que se debe incluir en un contratos de renta, los depósitos de garantía, las inspecciones de mudanza, las licencia, la notificaciones, las obligaciones del propetario asi como del inquilino, las responsabilidades en cuanto a reparaciones etc. Si necesita más información llame al teléfono 301-309-3240.



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12 Common Urology Problems; 1 p.m.; Free

16 Basic Photography; 10 a.m.; Two weeks; \$9 members, \$12 non-members; Activity #8507; Register by Oct. 9

18 Classical Music Appreciation; 1 p.m.; Free; Activity #8530; Register by Oct. 11

18 Abdominal Aortic Aneurysms; 1:15 p.m.; Free

19 Eye and Tissue Donation; 10:15 a.m.; Free

24 Recipes to Control Blood Sugar; 10:30 a.m.; \$8 members, \$12 non-members; Activity #8543; Register by Oct. 17

24 Ask the Computer Guys; 10:15 a.m.; Free

25 Stop Those Telemarketing Calls; 10:15 a.m.; Free

26 How to Buy a Computer; 10:15 a.m.; Free

27 Long Term Care; 10:15 a.m.; Free

30 Alternative Health Options: Digestive Disorders; 1:15 p.m.; Free

Activities take place at the Rockville Senior Center, 1150 Carnation Dr., unless noted. For more information, call 301-309-3025. All programs with an activity number require an in-person or mail-in registration.

For Teens

1 Robert Frost Middle School Teen Club Dance; 7:30 p.m.; Grade six only; \$2 for Teen Club members, \$5 for non-members

13 Robert Frost Middle School Teen Club Dance; 7:30 p.m.; Grades seven and eight only; \$2 for Teen Club members, \$5 for non-members

20 Teen Club Trip – Fright Fest 2000; 3 p.m.; \$24 for Teen Club Members, \$30 for non-members; Must pre-register

For more information, call the Teen Program Coordinator at 301-309-3345.



REGULAR PROGRAMS
Mayor and Council Live

Oct. 10 (Tues.), 7:30 p.m.
General Session
Oct. 16, 7:30 p.m.
Public Hearing
Oct. 23, 7:30 p.m.
General Session

Meeting Replays

Mon., 7:30 p.m.
(if no live meeting)
Sun. and Tues., 7:30 p.m.
Daily, 1 a.m. and 3 p.m.
Sun. and Sat., 9 a.m.

City Hall Report

Daily, 6 a.m., 8 a.m.,
noon, 6 p.m., and
10 p.m.

**Mayor and Council
Review**

Daily, 7:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.,
6:30 p.m., and
10:30 p.m.

Cityline

Daily, 6:30 a.m., 8:30 a.m.,
and 12:30 p.m.
Wed.-Sat., 9:30 p.m.

SPECIALS

Annual Report

Daily, 1:30 p.m.
Mon.-Fri., 9:30 a.m.
Wed.-Sat., 8:30 p.m.
Sun., Mon., Tues., 11 p.m.

**The Online Frontier:
Kids' Safety on the
Internet**

Mon.-Fri., 10a.m.
Wed.-Sat., 7:30pm

Community Mediation

Mon.-Fri., 10:30 a.m.
Daily, 7 p.m.

Economic Development

Daily, 7 a.m.
Wed.-Sun., 8 p.m.

**Rockville
Bikeways:
BIKE SAFETY**

Bicycle riding is fun and healthy, but only if you remember some important safety tips:

- Ride with traffic, not against it.
- Be alert when crossing intersections or driveways.
- Be aware of the traffic around you.
- Stay alert and watch for obstacles in your path.
- Be seen by wearing bright colors while riding and using a light at night.
- Signal your moves by using hand movements.
- Ride in a single file and obey all traffic regulations.

Inside City Hall

Meetings, Minutes, etc.

Minutes Highlights

From the Aug. 7 meeting:

The Mayor and Council:

- Approved authorization for the City Manager to execute appropriate documents, in a form satisfactory to the City Attorney, releasing a portion or all of existing conservation and/or stormwater management easements on the Westat property located at 1600/1650 Research Blvd.
- Introduced and adopted an ordinance to grant a street closing and abandonment – application SCA2000-0080, Nicholas Koumoutseas, applicant. The ordinance abandons a portion of a 15-foot wide alley containing approximately 3,000 square feet of area, located between the properties at 707 and 709 N. Stonestreet Ave. and running the length of those properties.
- Adopted an ordinance to adopt text amendment – application TXT2000-0183 – Mayor and Council of Rockville, applicant, to limit the size of retail establishments to 65,000 square feet of gross floor area and to require compliance with design guidelines for retail stores containing more than 25,000 square feet of gross floor area and for shopping centers.
- Approved a lease between the Mayor and Council of Rockville and AT&T Wireless to rent space on the City's Glen Mill water tank for wireless communications antennas and for space on the water tank property for an equipment shelter.

The complete minutes from the Mayor and Council meetings are available from the City Clerk's Office, 111 Maryland Ave., or by calling 301-309-3310.

Mayor & Council Calendar

Oct. 2, 7:30 p.m. Work Session
Oct. 10 (Tues.), 7:30 p.m. General Session
and Work Session
Oct. 16, 7:30 p.m. Public Hearing
Oct. 23, 7:30 p.m. General Session
Oct. 30, 7:30 p.m. Work Session

All meetings, unless noted, are in the Mayor and Council Chambers, Rockville City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave., at 7:30 p.m.
Council meetings are televised live on The Rockville Channel (TRC), Channel 11. Meetings are replayed at 7:30 p.m. on Mondays, if there is no live meeting scheduled; Tuesdays and Sundays at 7:30 p.m.; daily at 1 a.m. and 3 p.m.; and Saturdays and Sundays at 9 a.m.

Mayor & Council Drop-In

The Mayor and one member of the Council are available to meet with residents on a drop-in basis, in the Mayor and Council office at City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave., from 5:30-7 p.m. on Mondays when there is a General Session or a Public Hearing. The front door of City Hall will remain open during this time.

Oct. 10 Glennon Harrison
Oct. 16 Anne Robbins
Oct. 23 Bob Wright

While Drop-In is on a first-come, first-served basis, visitors are urged to call 301-309-3310 ahead of time so we are better prepared to serve your needs and to verify the meeting schedule.

Vacancies

Human Rights Commission (one vacancy): Members of this 11-member, volunteer commission provide community mediation to resolve disputes, as well as adjudicate cases of discrimination occurring in the city. Commissioners sponsor training in mediation and organize City events such as the annual Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration. Members serve overlapping four-year terms and participate in mediation training.

Planning Commission (two vacancies): This seven-member commission formulates Rockville's Master Plan and revises it when necessary. It also reviews and makes recommendations to the Mayor and Council on applications for map and text amendments and to the Board of Appeals on variance and special exception applications. In addition, it reviews and decides applications for use permits and subdivision plans. It also initiates and conducts such other planning studies and functions as necessary. Terms are overlapping and run five years.

Rockville Sister City Corp. (one vacancies): The Mayor and Council appoint three citizens to the 15-member board of this group, which strengthens existing ties with Pinneberg, Germany; encourages the exchange of ideas between the cities; and recommends to the Mayor and Council steps that can be taken to further facilitate the friendship.

If you wish to serve on a citizen's board or commission, call the City Clerk at 301-309-3310 for an Expression of Interest Form.

Boards & Commissions Calendar

All meetings are at City Hall, unless otherwise noted. Please call the City Clerk's Office at 301-309-3310 to verify the schedule of meetings.

Oct. 4 (tentative), 11, and 18, 7 p.m.

Planning Commission

Oct. 7, 9 a.m.

Board of Appeals

Oct. 9, 4 p.m.

Sign Review Board

Oct. 11, 7:30 p.m.

Cultural Arts Commission

Oct. 10, 7:30 p.m.

Human Services Advisory
Commission, 32 Courthouse Sq.

Oct. 10, 7:30 p.m.

Science, Technology, and Environment
Commission

Oct. 13, 6:30 p.m.

Rockville Housing Enterprises,
14 Moore Dr.

Oct. 17, 7:30 p.m.

Rockville Seniors Inc., Senior Center

Oct. 17, 7 p.m.

Historic District Commission

Oct. 19, 5:30 p.m.

Board of Supervisors of Elections

Oct. 19, 7:30 p.m.

Sister City Corp.

Oct. 24, 7:30 p.m.

Traffic and Transportation
Commission

Oct. 25, 7:30 p.m.

Human Rights Commission

Oct. 26, 10 a.m.

Senior Commission, Senior Center

Oct. 26, 7 p.m.

Recreation and Park Advisory
Commission, Twinbrook Community
Recreation Center

Oct. 31, 5:30 p.m.

Landlord/Tenant Affairs Commission

2000 Spirit of Rockville

On September 17, the Spirit of Rockville festival celebrated the many cultures that make our city dynamic. It featured the Spanish Dance Society (right) and Soul in Motion (below), West African drummers and dancers.

